

Lake Michigan Coastal Program to Hold Grant Workshop February 25

The Lake Michigan Coastal Program has federal funding available to support partnerships among local, state, and federal agencies and local organizations for the protection and sustainable use of natural and cultural resources in the Lake Michigan region.

Sometimes those dollars are hard to come by because of the complexity of the application process. On Wednesday **February 25**, the DNR's Lake Michigan Coastal Program will hold a grant workshop for 2003 round II grants.

The informal question and answer session at the Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center will run between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. The session will give potential applicants an opportunity to get answers to their questions about the application process and potentially eligible projects. The LMCP will begin accepting applications **February 20, 2004**. Applications for the 2003 round II grants are due **March 31, 2004**.

Those eligible to apply for funds include:

- units of local government, such as municipalities, townships, counties, and towns;
- area-wide agencies, including county and regional planning agencies;
- state agencies;
- state colleges, universities, and other state institutions of higher learning;
- conservancy districts and port authorities;
- basin commissions; and
- non-profit organizations 501(c)3 (Special Conditions Apply)

Projects eligible for grant funding must be located entirely in the northern portion of Lake, Porter, and LaPorte counties. A map of the grant area is available on the Web at: www.in.gov/dnr/lakemich/pdf/cpa.pdf

The funding for Round II of the 2003 funding cycle is comprised of two components - \$600,000 for large scale project grants (maximum award of \$100,000 each), and small scale, short-term non-construction grants (maximum award of \$5,000 each.)

For additional information about the program, point your Web browser to: www.in.gov/dnr/lakemich/ or email coastal@dnr.state.in.us for application forms.

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